

PATRICK BREEN.

MAY 16, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CASTLE, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 3110.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3110) granting a pension to Patrick Breen, have examined the same and the evidence relating thereto and respectfully report:

This bill proposes to pension at the rate of \$12 per month Patrick Breen, of Boise, Idaho.

The Senate report states the facts, and is as follows:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3110) granting a pension to Patrick Breen, have examined the same and submit the following report:

The records of the War Department show that this soldier served in the United States Army from September 14, 1865, to November 19, 1881, when he was honorably discharged, having served over sixteen years.

He made application for pension under the general laws March 11, 1892, alleging that in an engagement with Indians at Cedar Springs, Ariz., his wounded horse fell, injuring lower portion of spine, the kidneys, and the small of the back. This application was rejected on the ground of no record evidence of the alleged injury to spine and kidneys and claimant's inability, after being aided by a thorough special examination, to furnish competent evidence connecting said injury with the service and line of duty.

The claimant also made application under the act of June 27, 1890, which was also rejected on the ground that claimant did not serve ninety days during the war of the rebellion.

He was rated by the examining board in 1892 at \$8, and in February, 1897, at \$18 per month; and the affidavit of physicians who examined him in December last (hereto attached) show that he is totally unable to perform manual labor at the present time, and his ailments chronic.

Your committee are of the opinion that further evidence to show origin of disabilities in the service should be waived and pension allowed. The passage of the bill is therefore recommended, with an amendment as follows:

Add to the bill the words, "and pay him a pension at the rate of twelve dollars per month."

BOISE, IDAHO, December 7, 1897.

I have carefully examined Patrick Breen, of Boise, Idaho. I find him suffering from rheumatism of the back; muscles swollen and flabby; also rheumatism of the left arm; he is pale and weak. I find he has also an aggravated case of internal

hemorrhoids. His condition is chronic and may have been the result of injury received long ago. In my judgment he is totally unable to perform manual labor.

H. P. USTICK, M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of December, 1897.

C. C. LIGGINS,

Justice of the Peace in and for West Boise Precinct, Ada County, Idaho.

IDAHO STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY,

Boise, Idaho, December 7, 1897.

Having carefully examined Patrick Breen, of Boise, Idaho, I hereby certify that he has rheumatism of the back and left arm, and is also afflicted with external hemorrhoids, and that in my judgment as a physician he is unable to perform manual labor.

GEO. COLLISTER, M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me December 7, 1897.

[SEAL.]

JONAS W. BROWN.

This is to certify that I have examined Mr. Patrick Breen, of Boise, Idaho.

He complains of pain in his back from a hurt he received during service in United States Army by a horse falling upon him in a charge against Indians. The horse got shot by the Indians and fell against his back. He complains about pain in his shoulders, arms, and hips, calling it rheumatism. He also says that he has bleeding piles.

I examined his back; could not find any scar. Specific gravity of urine, 1.020; no albumin; trace of sugar; urine clear as water. Examined rectum; found a good many pile tumors; veins enlarged; rectum relaxed.

He no doubt has rheumatism, as he requires help to put on his overcoat, but I did not find any enlargement or ankylosis of joints. I examined his heart; found no organic disease of same, but beats quick and weak, which I ascribe to his last sickness; pulse 90. I attended to Mr. Breen from November 17 to November 28 for bronchitis. He is making a slow recovery. He is still coughing in the morning.

W. H. ZIPE.

BOISE CITY, December 4, 1897.

The bill is therefore reported back with the recommendation that it pass.

